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Remarks

Applicants' attorney, the undersigned, gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's telephone call of August 2, 2007, whereby the Examiner indicated the presence of allowable claims subject to an election.

The Examiner indicated that claims 14-19, 25-33, 38-42, 44, 49-52, 55-59, 61-64, 66 and 67 were distinct from claims 1-6, 8 and 65 and an election had to be made between these two groups of claims.

Applicants through their attorney, the undersigned, provisionally elected, with traverse, to prosecute claims 14-19, 25-33, 38-42, 44, 49-52, 55-59, 61-64, 66 and 67. That election is hereby confirmed.

Claims 1-6, 8 and 65 have been cancelled, applicants reserving the right to prosecute the subject matter of those claims in a divisional application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 14-19, 25-33, 38-42, 44, 49-52, 55-59, 61-64, 66 and 67 on the grounds of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-43 of the U.S. Patent No. 7,201,838. A non-statutory double patenting rejection may be overcome by a terminal disclaimer submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321© or 37 CFR 1.321(d).

A terminal disclaimer over USP 7,201,838 is attached.

Because no other rejections or objections were recited in the Examiner's action, it is requested that this election of claims 14-19, 25-33, 38-42, 44, 49-52, 55-59, 61-64, 66 and 67 and the attached terminal disclaimer over USP 7,201,838 be accepted, the application as amended be allowed and passed to issue in due course.

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